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A letter to the Bankruptcy Community:

Re: Northern District of Iowa's Improved Web Presence

Earlier this year, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa solicited your feedback, via on-line survey, about the services provided by the Court's public/internet web site. In response to the feedback received, beginning on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, you will experience the following improvements to the Court's web presence:

- Opinions and Decisions – The search functionality for opinions and decisions has been expanded to allow full text search, keyword search, browse by year, and browse by judge functionality. To view an instructional video highlighting this increased functionality, click on the following link: <http://www.ianb.uscourts.gov/content/index.php?q=flash-public-website-decisions-opinions-judgments>
- Main Menu Categories – A more intuitive flow and ease of location have been incorporated into the site's Main Menu. Services provided are categorized by "Filing Information," "Court Information," and "Judicial Activity". Services under the **Filing Information** header include General Filing Information, Electronic Filing Information, Filing Without an Attorney (our Pro Se resource), Filing Fees, Local Rules, Standing Orders and the Bankruptcy Basics publication. Services under the **Court Information** header include General Court Information (office locations, hours, etc.), Court Calendar, Court Services (Unclaimed Funds, Transcript and CD ordering, etc.), Statistics and Employment Opportunities. Finally, under the Judicial Activity header, you will find the Decisions, Opinions and Judgments, as well as the Court's Judicial Misconduct/Disability and Privately Funded Seminar Disclosure links.
- Modified "Hot Links" – Due to the restructure of the Main Menu, the number of "Hot Links" available to the right of the Search box (on each screen) has been reduced. The "Hot Links" that will be available effective March 30th include CM/ECF, Forms, Fees and Proposed Orders (Processing). Suggestions for additional Hot Links services are always welcome.

It is the court's intent to make this web site as intuitive and user friendly as possible. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improvement pertaining to our new web site.

Sincerely,

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